

Subject: Local Credit Policy

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1.1.6 Local Credit Policy

I. Subject and Purpose

It is the MPSCS goal to improve Homeland Security and Emergency Services. This goal requires MPSCS to continually improve the security, reliability and interoperability of communications for all first responders in Michigan.

MPSCS strives to enhance services in furtherance of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in the following areas:

- Expanded interoperability meeting SAFECOM Definition for Standards Based Shared Systems (see definition in Linkages to Other Relevant Data below)
- System capacity
- MPSCS mobile and portable coverage enhancement
- The elimination of interference from other radio sources

There are instances when new and locally built public safety communication infrastructure will further MPSCS goals and service. MPSCS may credit a portion of local infrastructure costs, in support of goals, against local voice subscriber fees.

II. Procedures and Guidelines

Local infrastructure integration can help MPSCS meet goal and policy objectives. In recognition of this benefit, it is the policy of MPSCS to provide local agency credit to apply to subscriber fees for their investments.

Examples of local expenditures where credit may be applied include:

- Infrastructure costs
- Maintenance of integrated infrastructure
- Utility costs for integrated infrastructure

MPSCS will determine the percentage of proposed local infrastructure necessary to further MPSCS goals and policy objectives.

The following restrictions and caveats apply to credits granted:

- Local infrastructure will be integrated and available to all MPSCS members.
- 10-year limit on credits (except for some long-term land leases).
- Life Cycle replacement costs are not included.

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- Credits apply to voice subscriber fees and are not transferable to data fees.
- Local infrastructure will be built to standards approved by MPSCS.

III. Responsible Party

A. Contact for Questions

Project Manager, MPSCS

B. Phone, Fax and Email Addresses

517.336-6188; 517.336-6222; Shinewt@michigan.gov

IV. Applicable Forms

V. Termination or Review Responsibility
Project Manager, MPSCS

VI. Linkages to Other Relevant Data (SAFECON is the umbrella program within the federal government that oversees all initiatives and projects pertaining to public safety communications and interoperability. The program is managed by the Department of Homeland Security, and is housed within the Science and Technology Directorate. SAFECON Standards Based Shared Systems mean all radios meet national standards [Project 25] and seamlessly talk to each other. Each agency retains control of its system while sharing common infrastructure. Communications can take place over a wide area. Talk groups can be reconfigured quickly in emergency situations.)